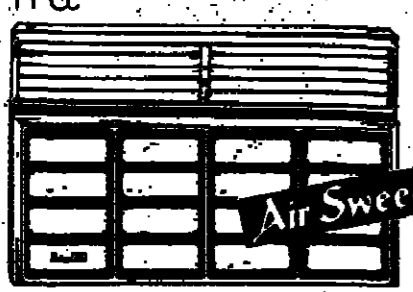


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Despite notable differences
NATO maintains unity

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12 (R) — The NATO Alliance has maintained its cohesion on fundamental issues after a week of ministerial meetings marked by a successful Spanish bid for membership and a Greek outburst in its long dispute with Turkey.

The United States government got the support it wanted from European allies for its negotiations with the Soviet Union on reducing medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe. The 15 members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), concerned by the spread of anti-nuclear peace movements in Western Europe, agreed that a unilateral renunciation of nuclear weapons would not reduce the risks of war.

But there were notable differences of view between U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and other foreign ministers on assessing the situation in other areas of the world, such as Libya and Central America, diplomatic sources said. The problems raised by the new Greek socialist government should not be over-dramatized, although the alliance would have to take them seriously to avoid a weakening of its vital south flank, they said.

On the other hand, NATO officials stressed the importance of Spain becoming the alliance's 16th member next year in view of its strategic role on sea lanes entering the Mediterranean. Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu, who came to power seven weeks ago, traveled to Brussels determined to steal the show and effectively

caught the headlines, diplomats said.

The Socialist leader, who had threatened during his election campaign to withdraw from NATO's military wing, sought an alliance guarantee against "aggression" from Turkey. Ankara opposed any formula implying a threat from Turkey and Papandreu at the end of a two-day defense ministers' meeting refused to sign a final communique.

He told a news conference he was partially suspending a 1980 agreement under which Greece rejoined NATO's military wing after a six-year break and said without further explanation that Greek disengagement was under way. He kept other ministers guessing over whether he meant he was rejecting only parts of the agreement or planning to withdraw from the alliance's military wing entirely.

Papandreu said later in Athens that the Greek armed forces now were under exclusive national command but Greece was continuing to take part in NATO's military planning. Greece's moves complicated the situation in NATO's south-east region at a time delicate negotiations with Washington over U.S. bases and American military aid to the Athens government were being prepared, diplomatic sources said.

But Greece, despite reservations, did nothing to block Spain's application for membership. NATO officials fear it may try to use leverage by linking Spain's entry and its own differences with Turkey. The next hurdle will be ratification of the Spanish accession protocol by the Greek parliament. While Greece was in the limelight, NATO foreign ministers focused their attention on U.S.-Soviet missile talks in Geneva.

Chief U.S. negotiator Paul Nitze told a restricted session that the negotiations had made a good start despite a lack of flexibility by the Soviet Union. The talks opened Nov. 30.

Haig told a news conference NATO's continued support for deploying U.S. Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in Western Europe from 1983 provided a "positive incentive" in pursuing arms talks with Moscow. NATO diplomats said the main problem in the months ahead was to keep the alliance united on deployment plans.

They hoped the start of the Geneva talks and a proposal by President Reagan to ban all medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe would take some steam out of the West European peace protest movements. NATO Secretary General Joseph Luns said the foreign ministers expressed cautious optimism about the world situation and NATO's defense posture. He said the world was judged somewhat more stable than a year ago. There had been no new Soviet incursions and real negotiations to push back nuclear armaments were under way, he noted.

The French Socialist government of President Francois Mitterrand had taken a more pro-Atlantic attitude within the alliance than its predecessor, the sources said.

Luns also noted an encouraging trend in defense efforts despite economic difficulties, singling out the performances of the United States, Norway, France, Italy and Portugal. The United States, however, failed to persuade its allies to spend more money on building or improving joint military facilities.

Egypt frees ex-minister

CAIRO, Dec. 12 (AP) — A former Egyptian deputy premier and foreign minister and 16 other men accused of conspiring with the Soviet Union to overthrow the regime of late President Anwar Sadat were cleared of the charges and freed Saturday, police officials said.

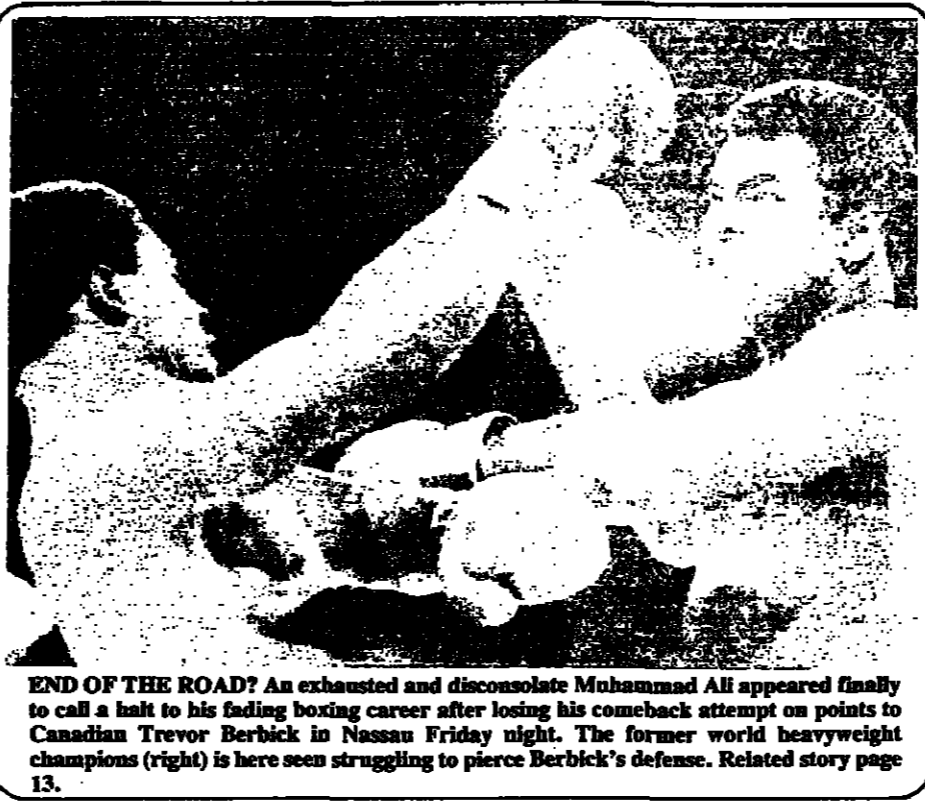
Abdul Salam El Zayyat and the group were released by the Supreme State Security Court, the officials said, explaining the court did not find "anything to hold against them."

The move was in keeping with President Hosni Mubarak's pledge that all persons cleared of suspicion would be released. Thirty-one other prisoners were released last month.

The group was rounded up in a crackdown by Sadat and was among the 1,563 persons whom Sadat accused of attempting to incite factional strife. At that time, the government said Zayyat and the others were allegedly involved in the conspiracy and were in close contact with Soviet embassy officials, including the ambassador with the aim of fomenting sectarian strife in Egypt and subsequently bringing down the regime.

The Soviet ambassador and six top diplomats were expelled from Cairo following accusations. The group released with Zayyat include Fouad Morsi, a former minister of supply, Ismail Abdullah, former minister of planning, several lawyers, university professors, a journalist and two members of the small vocal leftist opposition party.

Zayyat, 66, served under presidents Gamal Abdul Nasser and Sadat. He is now retired.



END OF THE ROAD? An exhausted and disconsolate Muhammad Ali appeared finally to call a halt to his fading boxing career after losing his comeback attempt on points to Canadian Trevor Berbick in Nassau Friday night. The former world heavyweight champion (right) is here seen struggling to pierce Berbick's defense. Related story page 13.

Coldest in 93 years
Britons shiver in snow

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Agencies) — England shivered through its coldest night since records started 93 years ago and forecasters said Saturday icy conditions would continue well into next week.

The lowest temperature was recorded in Shropshire, western England, at minus 23 degrees Centigrade after heavy snow blanketed most of Britain. Britain's lowest temperature ever registered was minus 27 Centigrade in Braemar, Scotland, in 1895.

Planes, trains and cars were held up Saturday by fog, snow and black ice. At London's Heathrow airport, 17 flights were canceled Saturday morning as airlines struggled to clear a backlog of 450 flights from the last two days. Forecasters expect more heavy snow to hit the south and Midlands Sunday night and said the icy weather would continue at least until Thursday.

Elsewhere, villages were cut off by snow, roads closed, air and railroad traffic disrupted and some commuters took up to four hours to get to work or simply gave up the attempt. Police reported scores of crashes on ice-bound roads.

Snow had stopped falling in London and many other areas by nightfall Friday. The London weather center said Saturday: "There is no end in sight at the moment."

Hurricane uproots millions in Bangladesh, Indian state

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12 (Agencies) — Search and rescue operations continued Saturday in the coastal areas of Bangladesh and India battered by a severe hurricane that was accompanied by 1.5-meter high tidal waves, reports received here said.

Gusting up to 160 kph per hour, the hurricane reportedly wrecked thousands of homes, uprooted trees, downed power and communication lines and destroyed standing crops in southwestern Bangladesh and the Indian states of West Bengal and Orissa.

At least 50 residents were officially reported killed in West Bengal alone. Bangladesh officials in Dacca reported that they were not aware of any casualties.

West Bengal authorities pressed hundreds of army and state administration boats into emergency rescue operations in coastal districts flooded by the fierce tidal waves. State Relief Minister Radhika Banerji said thousands were still marooned in the Hurricane-devastated areas in south Parganas and Midnapore districts.

Banerji had earlier reported that about two million people were displaced from their homes in the two districts. The United News of India (UNI) said rescuers were rushed Saturday to the town of Canning, 40 kms southwest of Calcutta, which was inundated after the storm breached the embankment of River Matla. The flooded Island of Sagar, 100kms south of here, remained cut off from the rest of the state, UNI said.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) said that according to official reports, at least three persons were killed and thousands of hut dwellings destroyed after the storm hit Orissa's coast last Thursday. The victims were trapped as tidal waves inundated several villages.

U.S. doubts 'Carlos' leads 'killer squad'

SARASOTA, Florida, Dec. 12 (Agencies) — The international terrorist known as "Carlos" is probably too well known to lead the team of would-be assassins allegedly sent by Libya to kill U.S. President Ronald Reagan, a State Department official said.

"My own view is that his face is too well enough known that he would not try to come (to the United States)," Frank H. Perez, acting director of the State Department's office for combating terrorism, said Friday.

But Perez added that he suspects Carlos, a Venezuelan whose given name is Nih Ramirrez Sanchez, may be involved in the planning of terrorist acts.

A notice posted this week at the San Ysidro, California, office of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service said "Carlos" and other would-be killers may try to cross into the United States from Mexico with orders to kill Reagan and other U.S. officials. The notice, obtained by the San Diego Union newspaper, told agents to be on the alert for purported "hit" teams.

President Reagan has asked Americans in Libya to leave the Arab state. Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has denied U.S. assertions a hit team has been sent from Libya.

Carlos is thought to have had a role in a terrorist attack on Israeli athletes during 1972 summer Olympics.

Perez's comments came in an impromptu news conference at the conclusion of a speech he delivered at the University of South Florida's Sarasota campus.

Meanwhile, observers termed President Reagan's response to Libya as milder than his rhetoric, but it may have cleared the way for tougher U.S. action in the future.

For 10 months his administration has branded Libyan leader Qaddafi as "the ringleader of world terrorism" and this month accused him of plotting to kill U.S. leaders. Reagan's decision this week to urge all Americans to leave Libya and to ban Americans traveling to Libya therefore surprised many by its restraint.

Clairborne Pell, senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the president had used "a rather soft carpet slipper," adding: "We are all waiting to see

what the other shoe is."

A senior State Department official told reporters that other punitive actions were still being weighed, such as an embargo on Libyan oil and a normal break in diplomatic ties. "We rule out nothing, but we plan nothing," he said.

The official refused to say if this week's action barring travel to Libya by Americans and asking those already there to leave would make it easier to take harsh moves in future. Other officials said privately that the presence of 1,500 Americans in Libya restrained Reagan's ability to act.

They said, for example, that military retaliation against any Libyan attempt to kill a U.S. leader — one of the few circumstances in which such action might be taken — was virtually ruled out while so many potential hostages were in Libya.

The administration would not have those restraints if all or at least most of these Americans could be persuaded to leave Libya, and if those who remained were seen to be acting against their government's strong advice, they said.

It was not clear if the President was prepared to move boldly despite his campaign promises last year of a tougher stand against the Soviet Union and other U.S. foes such as Col. Qaddafi and Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Reagan's summons home created no panic among the five major American oil producers in Libya.

"For an industry that is used to shock, this should be a small wave," said Constantine Filiakos, an energy analyst at Merrill Lynch and Co. in New York. Nor does Libya figure to be crippled by any American exodus from its rich oil fields.

Oil industry analysts and international economists said Libyans might face some trouble for a short time if American oil workers left, but replacements are thought to be easily found among European technicians.

"I doubt this work is so specialized that only the Americans can perform it," said Gary Smeal, an economist specializing in energy analysis for Chemical Bank. "This will not give Libya any severe problems."

U.S. aid cutoff bill scuttled on advice to protect Israel

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 — Members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee backed away last week from a measure to cut off aid to any nation that manufactures a nuclear bomb. They acted after Reagan administration officials told them privately that Israel might fall into that category.

"We didn't want to find ourselves in a position where we had inadvertently and gratuitously created a situation that might lead to a cutoff of aid for Israel," said Congressman Steven Solarz the sponsor of the measure who represents a large percentage of American Jews from Brooklyn, New York. He added that it "might trigger a finding by the administration that Israel has manufactured a bomb."

Solarz comments published in the *New York Times* on Wednesday, was another indication that U.S. officials believe Israel has developed atomic weapons.

The measure had been part of broad

amendment to the \$5.3 billion foreign aid authorization bill for the fiscal year that began October 1, but Solarz had the measure removed before the amendment was unanimously approved by the committee. The amendment would permit President Reagan to proceed with his \$3.2 billion military and economic aid package to Pakistan by allowing him to exempt Pakistan from a law requiring a cutoff of assistance to any nation trying to develop a nuclear weapon.

The *Asbary Al Awwat - Arab News* have reported from sources outside the administration that nuclear cooperation is a part of the new strategic cooperation agreement signed by the United States and Israel signed here earlier this month.

U.S. officials have continually denied that any secret annexes to the military agreement allow U.S.-Israeli nuclear cooperation.

But if the House amendment to the foreign aid bill had passed, it could have led to an eventual cutoff of financial assistance to Israel if the U.S. publicly admitted Israel is developing a nuclear weapon.

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Infant deaths high in U.S., Russia, Brazil

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP) — The Soviet Union and Brazil, along with the city of Washington, D.C. have recently recorded increases in their infant mortality rates, calling into question a century-old pattern that linked rising affluence with declining infant mortality.

A new study released Saturday said "A high or rising infant mortality rate, or even one that fails to decline with income gains, is the sign of a development process gone astray," said Kathleen Newland, author of the report "Infant Mortality and the Health of Societies." It was prepared for World Watch Institute, a Washington-based international research organization. "On the other hand, a rapidly-declining rate may indicate an improvement in social and environmental conditions that is disguised by slow growth of the gross national product (GNP)," the study says.

"The infant mortality rate is usually expressed as the number of babies out of each thousand born alive who die before reaching the age of one. For the world as a whole, the infant mortality rate is 97 per thousand. That is, roughly one child out of every ten does not live to see its first birthday." However, among the most deprived people in the world, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, infant mortality rates as high as 200 age still found. By contrast, fewer than 10 babies per thousand born alive die in wealthy and egalitarian societies such as Sweden and Japan.

The difference between the high and the low in this range is not simply the result of poverty and affluence, according to the study. There are poor countries such as Sri Lanka and China where the infant mortality rate is low, as well as rich ones such as Libya where it is high. "The level of infant mortality is regarded as one of the most revealing measures of how well a society is meeting the needs of its people," the study says. "It is particularly sensitive to the distribution of available resources. Deprivation among the

Talkative Sicilian
RAGUSA, Italy, Dec. 12 (AFP) — A Sicilian post office clerk has established what is believed to be a world record in prolixity — (talkativeness).

Maurizio Stefano, 38, won a three-man contest in rhetoric endurance at a local radio station here after holding on to the microphone for 259 hours. True enough, ground rules allowed for a 15-minute rest every hour. The strain nevertheless made the winner lose 4 kilos (8.8 pounds).

Reports did not say what Stefano talked about at such length.

people of a particular region, class, or ethnic group within a country is likely to show up in an elevated infant mortality rate."

In defiance of a general postwar trend, infant mortality rates have risen in a number of areas, the study says. Washington, D.C. recorded a 10 percent increase in its infant mortality rate in a single year — from 22.2 deaths per thousand births in 1979 to 24.6 in 1980, giving the city a rate nearly twice the national average.

In Brazil, a similar problem exists on a far greater scale. In its largest city, Sao Paulo, the infant mortality rate rose from 63 per thousand in 1961 to 95 in 1973. The Soviet Union presents the most clear-cut example of a country-wide increase in infant deaths, rising from a rate of 26 in 1971 to one of 36 in 1976, the study says. By 1980, Soviet infants were dying at three times the rate of those in the United States. The study says food shortages, worsening industrial pollution, poorly managed flu epidemics, alcoholism and the family stresses evident in rising divorce and illegitimacy all have been implicated in the increase.

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In Madinah

SR250m set for sport

MADINAH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — A number of youth welfare projects worth SR250 million are under implementation here, Ibrahim Al-Budairi, director of regional youth welfare, said Saturday.

The projects include a sports center whose first phase will cost SR100 million. It will provide for the construction of an astroturf field with a stadium planned to accommodate 25,000 to 30,000 spectators. He said the second phase will cost SR150 million and will include a 4,000 capacity indoor halls; a two-floor building for the youth welfare office; reception and lecture halls; swimming pools; a mosque; a hostel for 150 persons; a health unit; roads; a restaurant, cafeteria,

and kitchen. It also provides courts for squash, basketball, volleyball and badminton, besides a changing room.

Budairi said the bureau is also implementing several projects for Ansar Sports Club. The SR165-million projects' first phase will consist of a football ground, a track with a stadium to accommodate 3,000 spectators; public facilities; administrative offices and parks. Under the second phase, which will cost SR95 million, a 600-capacity indoor halls will be constructed for volleyball, basketball, badminton, handball and tennis. The second phase also includes a swimming pool, squash playground, youth camps, administrative offices and other public facilities.

Majed to chair hajj body meeting

MAKKAH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed will preside over a meeting of the Central Pilgrimage Committee at the Governorate premises here Tuesday. Prince Majed is chairman of the committee.

The meeting will deal with issues about certain aspects of the pilgrimage submitted by Interior Minister Prince Naif. It also will discuss a decision of its technical subcommittee pertaining to some vital projects to be set up in Makkah and other parts of the holy places.

The committee will review the supply conditions during the past pilgrimage season based on a report presented by the Commerce Ministry, in addition to some topics related to pilgrims and pilgrimage submitted by the Pilgrimage Agency. The availability of water in Makkah and the holy places is included in the committee's agenda.

The central pilgrimage committee which includes Deputy Makkah Governor Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen, is responsible for supervising projects and other procedures related to pilgrimage.

Directorate to open Baha museum

BAHA, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Baha Directorate of Education is planning a public museum on heritage and ancient living, according to Fahd Jaber Al-Harhi, education director, Saturday.

He said that a large number of historical relics have been collected and added that authorities are now looking for an ornate public building to house the museum. Harhi said a step has been taken to preserve the popular heritage in the region to attract tourists.

MWL to attend Afro-Islamic talks in Dakar

MAKKAH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — The Muslim World League will take part in the Afro-Islamic Cooperation Council's meetings which open in Dakar, Senegal, Dec. 21, officials reported.

MWL Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan said Saturday that the league will present working papers to the meeting pertaining to Islamic education in Africa, the spreading and memorization of the Holy Quran, Islamic information service in the continent and coordination among Islamic organizations. The proposals also will cover the dawa (call to Islam) activities in Africa and, on the other hand, currents hostile to Islam.

Harakan said that the Afro-Islamic coordination council is the first coordination body to be established by the MWL at a continental level.

Meanwhile, the MWL secretary general received Saturday a Malaysian delegation representing the Islamic union there. The group, which is visiting the Kingdom as part of a tour that includes several Islamic countries, reviewed the activities of the Malaysian Islamic Federation with Harakan.

Harakan explained MWL's efforts in spreading the Holy Quran, translating it into various languages and consolidating the understanding of the Islamic Sharia in all Islamic countries. He presented a copy of the holy book and other valuable Islamic books to the Malaysian delegation.

Farsi receives Bombay mayor Municipality plans security division

By Maher Abbas

JEDDAH, DEC. 12 — Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi has decided to establish a special security department for the municipality to be responsible for guarding its premises and equipment, officials announced Saturday.

The department, similar to the security bodies of Saudia and Petromin, will comprise representatives from the eight divisions of Jeddah Municipality. Officials of the security department also will accompany trespassing, environmental health and price control squadrons.

The proposed number of representatives for each division is 15 persons, according to official sources. The mayor has commissioned Wahib Mahmoud Attar, head of the central cleanliness authority of the municipality, to supervise the new department. Members of the security department will wear a special uniform that will distinguish them from other security authorities, the sources said.

The municipality security staff also will be trained on driving heavy machinery to help whenever the need arises, the officials added.

In a separate development, Farsi received Saturday the mayor of Bombay, A.U. Memon, who arrived here Friday on a three-day visit at his invitation. The visit, which comes in the framework of cooperation between the two metropolitan centers, aims at acquainting the cultural features of Jeddah.

The Indian mayor visited the information center of Jeddah municipality Friday. Memon left for Makkah later Saturday to

visit the holy city and inspect its main characters. He also will meet with Makkah Mayor Abdul Kader Koshak.

In other municipal news, residents of Ganoub Iskan Street, south of the housing scheme, have been asked to evacuate their houses because the municipality will demolish the houses for the expansion of a street

that runs from Siteen Street to Hail Street, Attar who also is head of the demolition department said Saturday.

He added that demolition had already begun by eliminating a building and a villa. Attar said residents of another street, south of the University Road, have been advised to evacuate their houses for the same reason.

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MAKKAH (SPA) — Dr. Rashed Al-Rajeh, pro-vice-chancellor of Ummul Qura University, Saturday met with the visiting Malaysian delegation, which was briefed on the progress of education in the university.

BAGHDAD (SPA) — Ahmed Al-Yahya, undersecretary for labor and social affairs, arrived here Saturday to lead the Kingdom's delegation to the second conference of labor ministers of non-aligned and emerging nations, which was to begin in the Iraqi capital late Saturday.

JUBAIL (SPA) — The Jubail Charitable Society for Social Services opened its charitable exhibition here Saturday. The four-day exhibition has been organized by the women of Jubail industrial town, to display garments, paintings and decoration works prepared by the women.

RIYADH (SPA) — Heads of committees for the equalization of university degrees in the Gulf Arab states will hold meetings here Dec. 15 and 16, to conduct a comprehensive review of the equalization method pursued in each Arab state of the Gulf.

RIYADH (SPA) — King Khaled Saturday cabled his greetings to President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya on the national day of his country. The monarch wished the Kenyan leader lasting health and happiness and the friendly people of Kenya enduring progress and prosperity.

RIYADH (SPA) — A Royal order was issued Saturday promoting Brig. Faisal Muhammad Al-Harhi to the rank of a Major General, effective last May 14.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thunayan Saturday received Zain Al-Abidin Al-Awi, ambassador -designate of Morocco to the Kingdom, who submitted a copy of his credentials in preparation for his presentation to King Khaled shortly.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Students of Riyadh University's information department Friday visited Tihamah Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing Research Company, to be acquainted with its activities in the field of information. According to a press release, the visit took place within the context of existing cooperation and coordination between the

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For the first time in the Middle East the International Desalination Environment Association met in Bahrain, electing a new president. **Louise Denver** who attended the meeting describes what transpired at the conference.

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For training

Broadcast officials discuss new center

RIYADH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani opened the second session for the Arab Radio and Television Training Center's board of secretaries meeting at the Intercontinental Hotel here Saturday.

At the three-day session members will discuss administrative and financial affairs for the center, which is expected to start operating by the beginning of 1982. Among the important issues to be debated are the establishment of two studios for television and radio training purposes; approving the proposed budget; endorsing the administrative and financial regulations; and approving the status of the board of secretaries, which supervises the center's management.

Yamani stressed that the proposed center has approached an important stage of serious work. He expressed optimism on the results of the meeting, which he said will be considered seriously especially since the Arab Gulf States Information Ministerial Council has given the issue a powerful push forward.

Yamani emphasized that the council shouldered its responsibility in supporting

Tunis official renews support for peace plan

TUNIS, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mazali Friday renewed his country's support to Crown Prince Fahd's eight-point plan for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. He said the principles enunciated in the plan were relevant and displayed clear insight.

Mazali, who was addressing the Tunisian House of Deputies said the Saudi Arabian peace plan, after the Fez summit, had become an international fete that cannot be ignored and could constitute a comprehensive groundwork when intentions are serious and the parties sit together to discuss things responsibly.

Prince Fahd, Mazali added, has tried with utmost courage to break a deadlock that has been facing the Palestinian cause for more than three years and to set it on the right track. The prime minister stressed that President Habib Bourguiba's viewpoint in regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict was identical to the principles embodied in the Saudi Arabian peace plan.

University group to discuss steps for cooperation

DAMMAM, Dec. 12 (SPA) — The visiting American universities' delegation paid a visit to the King Faisal University here Saturday. During its week-long stay, the delegation will discuss executive steps for the cooperation program.

The delegation is composed of the dean of the faculty of medicine and medical studies of Harvard University; the dean of the college of architecture and planning of Rice University; the dean of veterinary and animal resources college of Cornell University and the dean of the college of agriculture at Texas University.

The delegation is expected to discuss matters connected with the exchange of expertise, teaching staff and training of Saudi cadre, among other things. Its visit takes place within the context of the Saudi-American Joint Commission's agreement on economic cooperation, which also includes the universities.

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the project. It set a good example and experience for joint work, he said. The center will play a significant role particularly in radio and television training, the minister said.

He also commended the efforts of the Arab Countries Radio Broadcasting Federation in the evolution of the center's project and urged more cooperation with the federation to achieve the objectives set for the project.

Chairman of the board of secretaries' current session, Nasouh Al-Majali, director general of radio broadcasting in Jordan, addressed the meeting and emphasized the need to provide specialist and qualified personnel for the technical projects in the Arab world. The establishment of training centers

will secure the future needs for skilled personnel, he said.

Majali praised the Gulf ministerial council's support of the project. The council had provided financial assistance at a time when the center's idea almost was to be cancelled, he said. The official conveyed thanks on behalf of all member states in the board of secretaries or the stand taken by the Gulf council.

Khudr Al-Shaar, the center's director, also spoke at the opening session after which the participants began their meetings. He thanked the Kingdom in particular for its keen and unlimited support since the center's idea originated.

For export expansion

Thailand trade group to visit

By Devadas Kini

JEDDAH, Dec. 12 — A ten-member trade mission from Thailand will arrive here Sunday to begin a five day visit to the Kingdom in order to expand the country's export market.

The mission is led by Yutachit Boonyarat and includes Somsak Yamasmit, director of the trade division of the Export Service Center attached to Thailand's Ministry of Commerce. The mission will move to Riyadh on Thursday and leave the Kingdom on Dec. 21 for Kuwait, Abu Dhabi and Dubai, according to C. Gasonboonak, commercial attache of the Royal Thai Embassy here.

This is the second delegation sent by the private sector of Thailand in the last three years. The mission has been organized and sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce.

Speaking to Arab News Gasonboonak said, "The trade mission will have a number of meetings with the members of the chambers of commerce in Jeddah as well as in Riyadh during its stay in the Kingdom and explore possibilities of increasing agro-industrial exports from Thailand." Explaining the competitiveness of Thai exports he said,

Low labor cost and lower cost of production as well as the international standards of quality of the consumer goods of Thailand should have a ready market in Saudi Arabia in particular and in the Middle East in general.

Trade relations between Saudi Arabia and Thailand are more than a decade old. Though the trade has been increasing over the past decade, the balance of trade has been unfavorable to Thailand. While the value of Thai exports has gone up by 28 percent from \$88.49 million in 1979 to \$113.43 million in 1980; imports from Saudi Arabia have multiplied by 103 percent from \$459.84 million to \$934.13 million during the same period.

Thai exports to the Kingdom are mainly confined to consumer goods like sorghum, maize, turbot and white rice, textiles and ready-made garments, canned pineapple, air-conditioners, jewelry, footwear, truck tires and wooden doors. Apart from increasing the quantity and value of these consumer products, the trade mission seeks to survey the market for exporting wooden furniture like solid teak doors and frames, kitchen cabinet fronts, wall panelling flooring, galvanized and welded steel pipes, steel structures and steel furniture, the embassy official added.

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Fajr (Dawn)	5:24	5:31	5:02	4:43	5:17	5:51
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:14	12:15	11:47	11:33	11:58	12:27
Asr (Afternoon)	3:19	3:15	2:46	3:30	2:54	3:20
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:41	5:36	5:07	4:50	5:14	5:39
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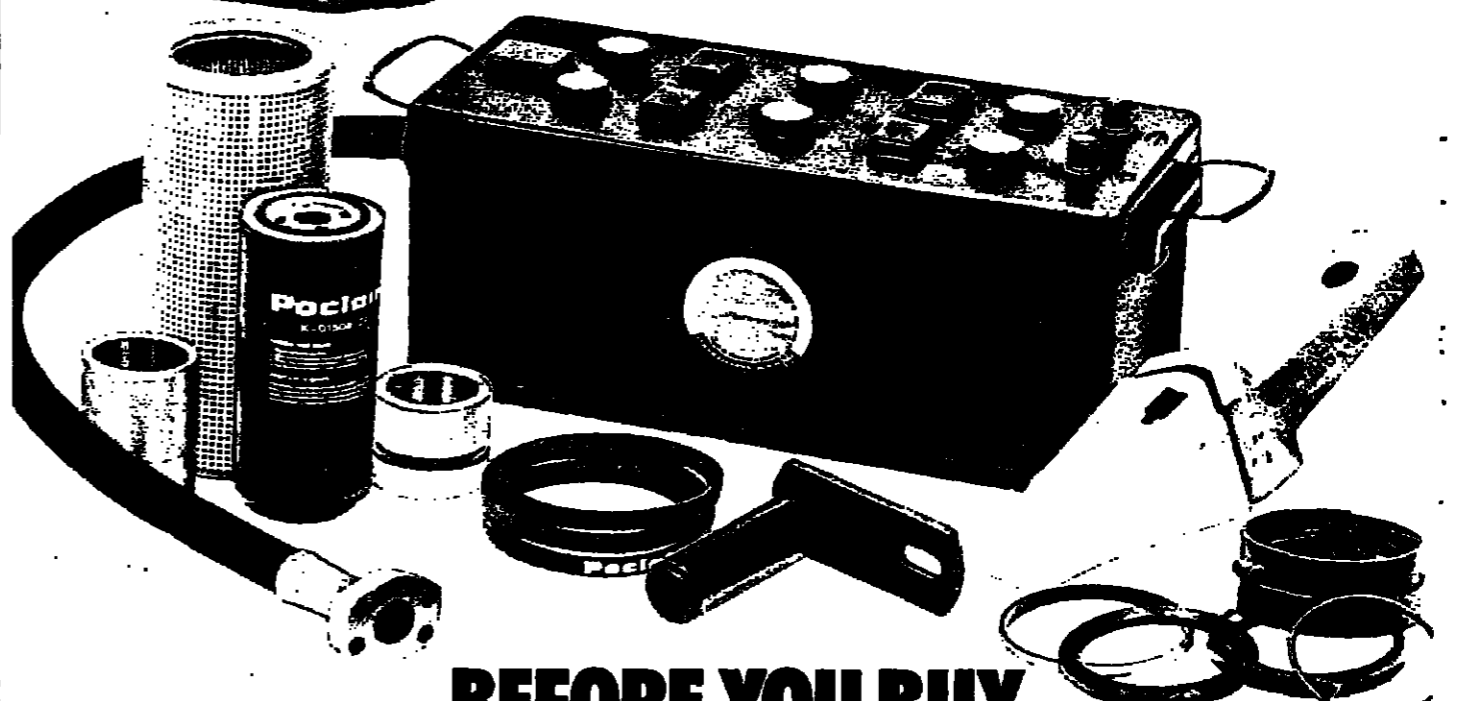
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M.E. tension cooled, Habib says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib has told President Ronald Reagan that the ceasefire between Israel and the Palestinians in southern Lebanon border has cooled tensions in the Middle East.

Habib, reporting on his fourth shuttle trip to the Middle East, said Friday he received instructions from the president to try to strengthen the ceasefire and explore "the general question of stability and progress in Lebanon itself."

Habib said he was pleased to report that "all of the parties with whom I met or all the parties who are involved indicated to me

one way or another their desire for the continuation of the ceasefire" that he arranged last July.

"In the 4 1/2 months the ceasefire has been in place, there has been general satisfaction," he said. "Whatever minor infractions have occurred have not jeopardized the fundamental value of the cessation of hostilities in that region."

Habib said he told Reagan the coming period was filled with "a number of uncertainties." He said there are "political and military elements in the situation that should continue to concern not only ourselves, but all others who are interested in

peace and stability in the Middle East."

He said he found "a general desirability that Lebanon should not be the center of either military or political upheaval that would create problems throughout the region."

Habib said he was "at the president's disposal and he knows that." However, he said he had no current plans to return to the Middle East. Habib said the ceasefire "and the concentration on other issues has cooled the situation. We were all very much concerned that it was going to blow up into something major."

Abu Iyad blasts Mitterrand Commandos won't quit S. Lebanon -- Arafat

BEIRUT, Dec. 12 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat was quoted here Saturday as vowing not to pull out a single Palestinian commando from southern Lebanon.

"I declare that I shall not withdraw a single fighter from the south," Arafat said in a speech he delivered at a recruiting center after a six-hour call-up exercise of PLO reserve fighters was staged at 11 recruiting centers at an undisclosed area near Beirut, on Friday. Excerpts of the speech were reported Saturday by the PLO-controlled Palestine news agency: Wafa and Lebanese newspapers.

The pledge to hold to positions in southern

Lebanon came 24 hours after Arafat's security chief Salah Khalaf said in a speech in Kuwait that U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib had asked the PLO through an unnamed third party to pull out from southern Lebanon.

Khalaf, codenamed Abu Iyad, said Habib's request was part of an alleged plan about which the American troubleshooter sounded out parties concerned during his latest Middle East shuttle that ended earlier this week.

In another speech in Kuwait, Khalaf described French President Francois Mitterrand as a "fanatic Zionist" and called on Arab states to reconsider their economic relations with France.

"Mitterrand has now proven himself to be a fanatic Zionist who works against the interests of the Arabs," said Khalaf in a speech he delivered at a meeting with Palestinian teachers serving in Kuwaiti schools on Friday and reproduced by Beirut newspapers Saturday. "If we respect ourselves as Arabs, we should reconsider all our contracts with France, especially financial contracts."

The PLO and other Arab countries have been angered by statements French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson made during a visit to Israel earlier in the week, urging Europe to refrain from involvement in Mideast peace-making efforts and saying France might reconsider a resumption of arms sales to Israel.

Shah's son exhorts army to revolt

CAIRO, Dec. 12 (AP) — The self-proclaimed Shah of Iran, in an address scheduled for broadcast Saturday, exhorted the Iranian army and people to "resistance and struggle to save Iran" from the current "terror, repression and mass murder."

In an address commemorating the 35th anniversary of his father's military victory over a Soviet attempt to take over the north-western province of Azerbaijan, the young, Muhammad Reza Pahlavi, said the "unity of the army and the Shah will again spell the end of the usurpation of power in Iran."

The 21-year old son of the late Shah of Iran described himself as "the harbinger of hope" for all freedom seeking Iranians.

As in previous addresses he has made on national days from his Cairo exile, the three-page text of Reza's remarks was released to news agencies here in English a cassette tape in Persian was also provided. His aides refused to say where his message would be broadcast from. Some of the Monarchy supporters live in Paris.

In his message Reza appeared to make an effort to link the resistance of the leftist Mujahedeen Khalq to himself although there is no evidence of such a tie, and there is also no way to estimate what support Reza has inside Iran.

Without mentioning Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini by name, Reza said "The enemies of the Iranian people want Iran to be poor, backward, ignorant, helpless and a subservient to foreign enemies". He did not elaborate, but added "There are true men of God, contrary to those abusing Islam... (who) have always worked to strengthen the foundations of Islam and even now continue their struggle despite terror and tyranny." It was not clear who he was referring to.

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Zia offers to normalize relations with India

KARACHI, Dec. 12 (AP) — Pakistani President Gen. Zia ul Haq said Saturday that Pakistan is ready for talks with India in an effort to normalize relations, and that peace is necessary for development of the entire region.

In a message to the Rotary Conference currently in session in New Delhi from Saturday, Zia said, "Mutual self-interest demands that the two neighboring countries of India and Pakistan should turn their backs on conflicts and confrontations and begin an era of durable peace."

Zia stated: "We in Pakistan are determined to make our full contribution toward

the process of normalizing our relations."

Zia also said, "A beginning has already been made to establish regional cooperation amongst the countries of South Asia. There is indeed a growing realization in all countries of the region that their destinies are inter-linked and (that) they can attain their national goals of progress and development only in a tension-free and peaceful environment."

A delegation of about 100 Pakistani rotarians is attending the New Delhi Rotary Conference, which will continue until Monday.

General strike ends in Gaza

TEL AVIV, Dec. 12 (AFP) — The Israeli army Saturday ended a ten-day general strike in the Gaza Strip, but the 500,000 Palestinian inhabitants of the territory have proved to Israel that they will not accept without a fight measures seen as annexationist.

The strike was the biggest resistance movement organized in Gaza since Israeli troops crushed armed resistance at the start of the Israeli occupation, now in its 14th year.

But the Palestinians are today fighting the methods of the same man who broke the early resistance to Israeli rule: Gen Ariel Sharon, now defense minister. In the worst of the incidents, last Monday, a teenager was killed and six demonstrators and an Israeli

soldier were wounded.

Witnesses said Saturday that Israel had resorted to drastic measures to break the strike, confiscating around 1,000 identity cards of tradesmen who now face prosecution in a military court, imposing heavy fines, and soldering the shutters of some 200 shops to prevent their reopening for an indefinite period.

The pressure brought the first cracks in the strike movement on Thursday, when some shops reopened. Friday the situation was uncertain, but Saturday a massive troop presence — with some soldiers interrogating people in the street — induced all tradesmen to open for business.

Soviet planes raid Afghan villages

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (AP) — Soviet generals have unleashed their air power in recent days against three villages just south of Kabul and several to the north around Charikar, all centers of increased anti-government resistance, a report from Afghanistan says.

Air strikes were ordered against the villages of Shiwaki, Sheena and Binhisar after a large group of Muslim freedom fighters aided by local villagers attacked two new military outposts in the area, said the report from a source who has been accurate in the past.

U.S. may upgrade role in M.E. talks

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said Saturday the United States will decide shortly whether to appoint a high-level special representative to the Israeli-Egyptian talks on Palestinian autonomy. Haig, who is to fly to Israel Sunday on the second stage of a seventh-nation tour, told reporters a detailed assessment of the U.S. role would be made after a panel of experts studying the issue completes its work next Thursday.

talks by its ambassadors to Israel and Egypt.

Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin has strongly urged the Reagan administration to appoint a special high level envoy to demonstrate the U.S. commitment to the talks, which are being held under the auspices of the Camp David accords.

Haig said a decision on whether to upgrade the U.S. role in the talks would depend on whether this would make a difference or whether more could be accomplished with the present lower U.S. profile.

U.N. Assembly opens debate on Mideast

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 12 (AP) — The Arab-Israeli conflict spilled onto a political battlefield as the U.N. General Assembly opened its annual debate on the Middle East. Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum was the lead-off speaker as the discussion got underway Friday.

The first half of his speech was interrupted by eight points of order, five of them made by Iraq, one by Jordan and two by Blum himself, asking the chair to protect him from their points of order.

The 157-nation assembly was debating a report by Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim saying that the lack of progress toward an Arab-Israeli settlement is dangerous, and offering U.N. help in seeking a solution.

Blum claimed that the Arab-Israeli conflict is not the source of all instability in the Middle East and cited other trouble spots — the continued occupation of Afghanistan, the Iraq-Iran war, the conflict between Ethiopia and Somalia, the trouble in the Western Sahara.

At that point, an Iraqi delegate, Suha al-Tourabi, raised a point of order to say the Israeli delegate should be asked to confine himself to the secretary-general's report.

The chairman of the debate, Assembly Vice President Saturnin Sogio, told Blum to go on. The Israeli asked that Iraq not make any more "points of disorder."

On a point of order, Jordanian Ambassador Hazem Nuseibeh asked that Blum be ruled out of order for improper use of the expression, "point of order."

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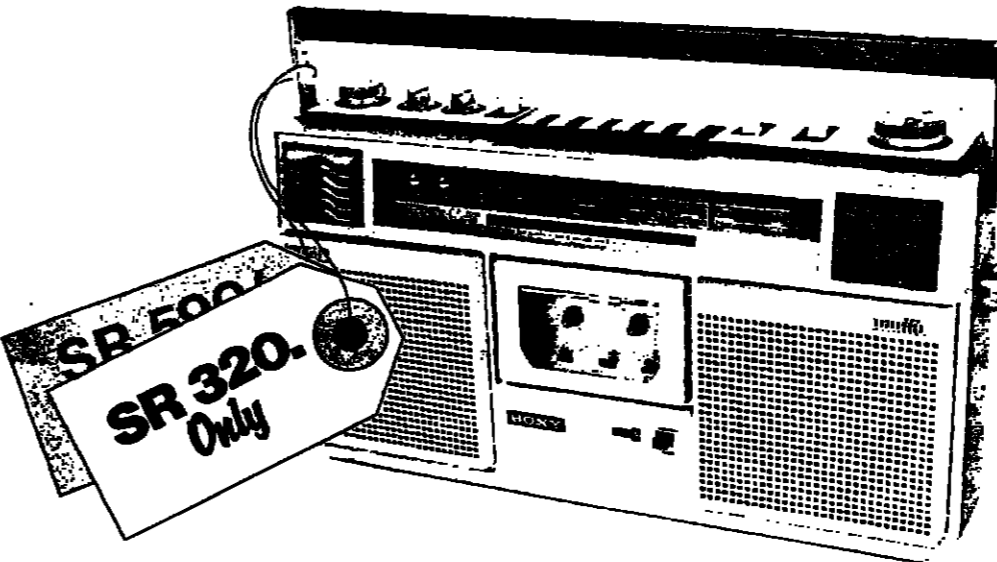
NDJAMENA (AFP) — The United States has agreed to halt all aid, direct or indirect, to the rebels in Chad led by Hissene Habre, the Chadian government said here. The decision, announced Friday following a meeting of the government of President Goukouni Oueddei, comes a week after a visit to the United States by Chadian Finance Minister Neangbed Kosnaye.

RABAT (AFP) — The head of United States military intelligence, Gen. James Williams, arrived in Morocco Saturday for an "orientation" visit, a U.S. diplomatic source here said. Williams, who is assistant director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), heads the Defense Intelligence Agency.

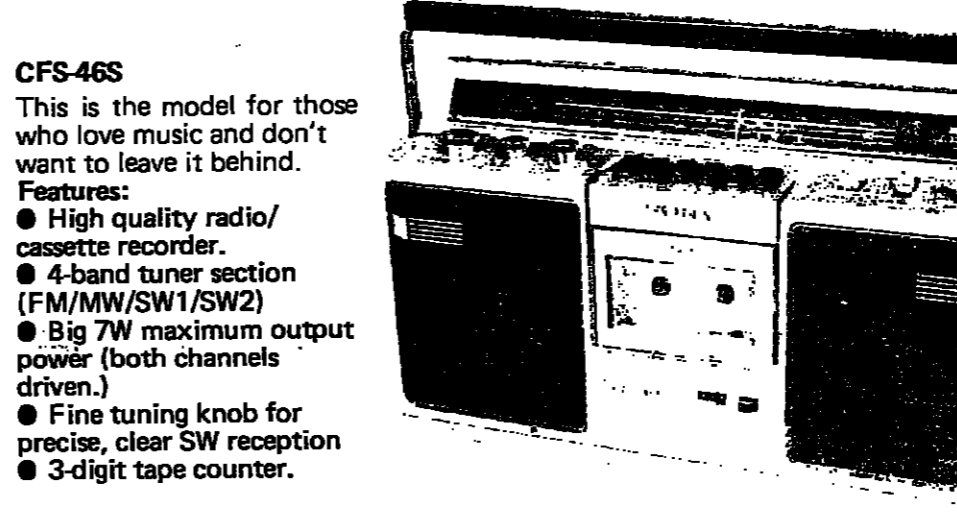
CAGLIARI, Sardinia (AP) — A Yugoslavian freighter sank off the Tunisian coast early Saturday morning, Italian port officials said. Nine of the vessel's 25 crewmen were reported missing.

ADDIS ABABA (AFP) — Visiting Libyan No. 2 Maj. Abdulsalam Jalloud has been decorated with the Order of Africa, second rank, by Ethiopian Head of State Mengistu Haile Mariam.

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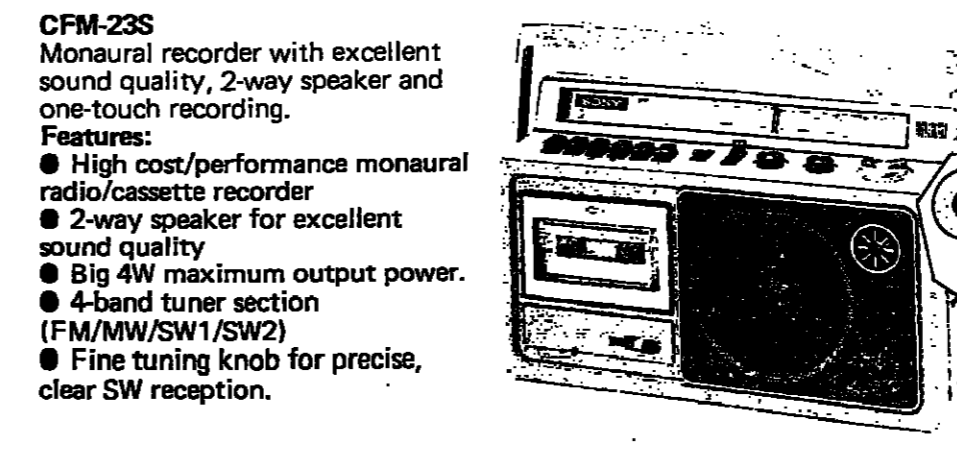
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By Dave Kaiser

Asil Arabians II, The Noble Arabian Horses, edited by the Asil Club, photographs by U. Gutmann, H. Reinhard, and H.W. Silvester, Foreword by Dr. Georg Wenzler. Printed by the Olms Press, Hildesheim, West Germany and New York, N.Y. Hardcover, 600 pages with more than 300 illustrations, texts in English and German \$39.

JEDDAH — Loud and enthusiastic praise for the Asil Arabian horse is so frequent here that anyone who has been raised with "normal" horses would tend to believe that the praise must be exaggerated. Breeders describe the Asil Arabian horse as one of the most beautiful creatures on earth, an almost perfect creation of Allah, and a true phenomenon of nature which gained its virtues by undergoing daily tests of survival.

The Asil Arabians II, The Noble Arabian Horses, a documentation just published in its second edition by the Asil Club of Hildesheim, West Germany, makes the reader sit back and take notice and perhaps even suspect that some of the praise of the Asil Arabian might be an understatement.

This book is a masterpiece in itself, providing historical background about the role played by the Asil Arabian in the development of the Arabian Peninsula and bringing the reader up to the current time when the horse background is documented and each stallion placed in endurance competition which include speed tests over distances of up to a mile or two and endurance competitions of as long as 150 miles.

According to records presented in the book, the first longdistance ride in the U.S. in which pure-bred Arabians took part, was held on September 16 and 17, 1913 in Vermont. The distance was very long and only

time counted. The ride was 154 miles (246 km) under a weight of 160 pounds (72.5 kgs). The winner was the Asil Arabian Yaqis, a 13-year-old grey stallion which completed the race in 30 hours, 16 minutes.

Asil Arabians II begins with a basic description of the qualities and attributes of the breed praising the horses' ability, even in recent times, to survive within a murderous climate and often forced to wander in search of food and water while enduring every imaginable hardship.

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The Asil Arabian as a breed is renowned for its intelligence and endurance, with The Asil Arabians II pointing out numerous historical and recent anecdotes to indicate that the horse is superior to all others.

The first and indispensable requirement an Arabian sire has to meet is that he be of pure descent because otherwise his offspring would not be pure-bred but only half-bred, according to the book. It gives background on the breeding methods maintained by the Bedouins who are often able to trace an Asil

Arabian's lines back several hundred years — and at times as far back as 500 years. Pure breeding was considered to be one of the laws of existence according to all the experts quoted.

One of the many historical anecdotes given in the book tells about the owner of a fine mare who had been negotiating for its sale with a Turkish general. After a price had been reached the general complained, saying no horse could be worth so much. When this was to no avail, he threw the gold to the owner of the horse who in turn took it and fled with both the gold and the horse.

Several of the army's most skilled riders, on their best horses, pursued the tribesman but he alluded them by riding as slowly as possible, going faster when they came near and slowing down when they fell back. When the pursuers grew tired the tribesman pushed his horse to its fullest and left them in the dust. The riders found themselves with no choice but to return to the general and tell him that the tribesman alluded them and that both the money and horse were lost. In the evening of the third day they made it back half dead from exhaustion and hunger and with horses that could hardly move. Upon hearing of the chase the general recognized that no such animal could be overpriced.

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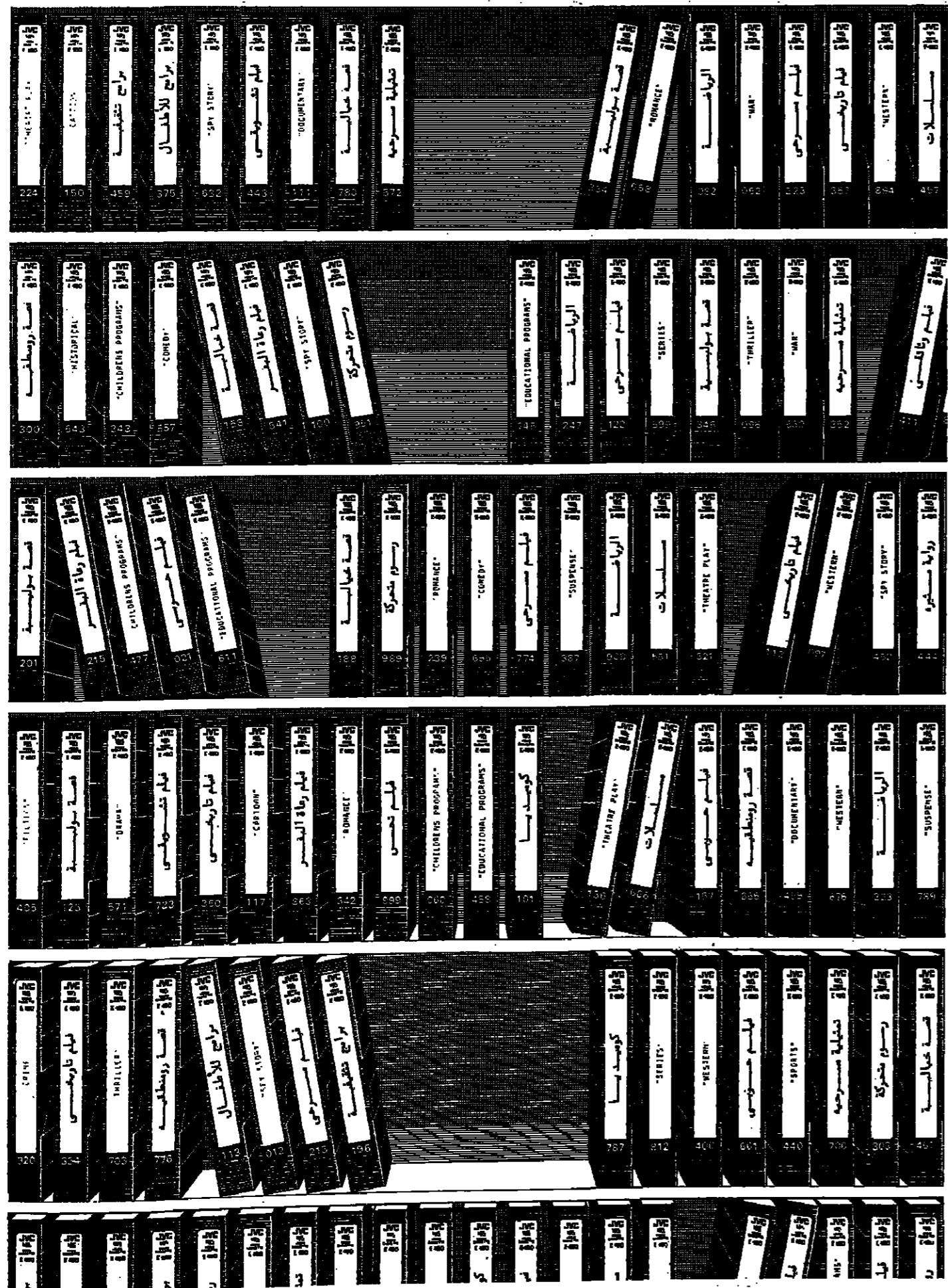
meets all expectations which can be expected after an examination of its history. The results of prescribed performance tests in Germany indicate that between 1974 to 1979 Asil Arabians were represented in five age groups and provided four times the best horse during the training period, three times the winner, three times the reserve champion — even though that particular type of horse was a minority in the competition.

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The Asil Club was founded in 1974 in order to link and register all breeders of Asil Arabian horses and to ensure the horses are bred as near to perfection as possible. The standards maintained by the club are stringent indicating the animal's pedigree must be exclusively based on horses bred by the Bedouin, without any evidence whatever of non-Arabian blood being admixed at any time. The word "asil" the club points out, is derived from the Arabian language meaning pure, true, noble and genuine.

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Pledges priority for Third World

De Cuellar elected U.N. chief

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 12 (R) — Peruvian Javier Perez de Cuellar, chosen as the next secretary-general of the United Nations, has declared that he will give priority to the problems of the Third World.

The 61-year-old career diplomat was selected by the Security Council Friday after a six-week deadlock during which Kurt Waldheim, seeking re-election for a third five-year term, was repeatedly vetoed by China. Perez de Cuellar will be formally appointed by the U.N. General Assembly next week.

He told a press conference in Lima Friday night that his prime aim was world peace, but he would be unable to avoid giving preference to the problems of the Third World.

"This is not because the Third World is in a majority in the U.N. General Assembly but because the prosperity of the Third World will determine the prosperity of the first and second worlds," he said. "The three worlds are united in the same fate. Defending the Third World, I will also be defending the first and second worlds."

Perez de Cuellar hoped his election would lead to a negotiated settlement of the Afghan problem. He listed the Middle East, Afghanistan, the Iran-Iraq war and African conflicts as the most pressing issues.

On the Middle East, Perez de Cuellar said he believed the United Nations could contribute greatly to a solution. The greying, bespectacled diplomat said he expected to travel to New York over the weekend and to begin preparing himself for his new role. "It is one of the most difficult jobs in the world," he said.

Perez de Cuellar served until last May as a U.N. undersecretary-general. Before that he held senior posts in his country's foreign service, including four years as its chief U.N. representative from 1971 to 1975.

He was selected on the 17th ballot in Friday's voting. According to figures disclosed by council members, the Peruvian not only obtained the most votes — one more than the nine needed for election — but was also the only candidate to avoid a big power veto. One non-permanent member of the council voted against him and four abstained.

His closest rival was Sadruddin Aga Khan, former U.N. high commissioner for refugees, who obtained nine votes. Two votes, including at least one veto, were cast against him and four members abstained.

A major factor in Perez de Cuellar's election was believed to be his reputation as a cautious diplomat. This stood him in good



Javier Perez de Cuellar

stead as Waldheim's special representative in Cyprus from October 1975 to December 1977. This followed a skillful performance as president of the Security Council in July 1974, when Turkish troops occupied the northern part of Cyprus.

He has also come under close Soviet scrutiny since being named early this year as Waldheim's personal representative on the question of Afghanistan — an appointment he still holds. His diplomatic career, which began in 1944, has included ambassadorial posts in Switzerland and Venezuela. He has also served in France, Britain, Bolivia and Brazil.

Perez de Cuellar, who will be 62 on Jan. 19,

is a former professor of diplomatic law and international relations and the author of several books on related topics.

His nomination to the top U.N. post comes, ironically, in the wake of recent political problems at home. As secretary-general of the Peruvian Foreign Ministry, he swore in Gen. Juan Velasco Alvarado as president in 1968 following the overthrow of the democratically elected Fernando Belaunde Terry, who was returned to power 18 months ago.

Because of this, the Peruvian Senate in September rejected his nomination as ambassador to Brazil.

When Peru established diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, he became its first ambassador in 1969, a fact that may have won him Moscow's support in his bid for the U.N.'s top job.

The outgoing secretary-general Kurt Waldheim welcomed the outcome with a statement Friday that he was glad the deadlock had been broken. He said he had the highest regard for his successor, a "close associate for many years." He said he was sure Perez de Cuellar would make an excellent contribution to the work of the United Nations.

According to a Peruvian colleague, Alvaro de Soto, minister counselor at Peru's mission to the U.N.'s European headquarters, the new secretary-general is a family man, a music lover, a voracious reader and "very much the professional diplomat."

Perez de Cuellar's election drew enthusiastic reactions from other Latin American countries.

Jean Kirkpatrick, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, told a reporter, "obviously, we think he's going to do well or we wouldn't have supported him."

BRIEFS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AFP) — Europe's first spacelab, which will be launched by the space shuttle in September 1983, arrived here Friday from Hamburg, West Germany. The \$900 million spacelab is a pressurized module where scientists can conduct experiments. It will be lodged in the shuttle's hold and like the space shuttle, it is reusable. NASA planned to accommodate 16 spacelab missions on its space shuttle, in the next five years.

PARIS (AP) — Raymond Rouleau, a noted Belgian-born actor-director who staged the first production of Jean-Paul Sartre's masterpiece *Huis Clos* in 1944, died

here early Friday. He was 77. Described as the "Cary Grant of France," he was a leading romantic film star in the immediate postwar years, making some 60 films in all.

CANBERRA (AFP) — The Australian government Friday expressed regret that an Australian national may have been involved with the mercenaries who attempted last month's coup d'etat in the Seychelles.

PARIS (AP) — A 39-year-old Egyptian woman gave birth at Paris Orly Airport to a boy Friday after going into labor just before taking a flight to Cairo, airport officials said. They identified the woman as Hamida Nada.

U.S. studies CIA chief's 'agent' role

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP) — The Justice Department's criminal division is reviewing whether Central Intelligence Director William J. Casey violated U.S. law by not registering as a foreign agent while representing Indonesia in 1976, government sources said.

Casey thus becomes the third top official of the Reagan administration whose affairs are being studied by the Justice Department to see whether a special prosecutor should be named. The other two are National Security Adviser Richard Allen and Labor Secretary Ray Donovan.

Casey's case was referred to the Justice Department last week by the Senate Intelligence Committee. Acting committee chairman Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a New York Democrat, said the committee had been unable to resolve whether Casey should have registered with the department under the Foreign Agents Registration Act and that determination should "appropriately be made by the Department of Justice."

Justice Department spokesman Tom Decair had no comment on what the department had done with the Senate report, saying "we don't comment in any way on investigative matters."

But one department source said, "the report was referred to the criminal division for review." Another source, also asking anonymity, said the division was trying to determine if there were evidence enough to invoke the Special Prosecutor Act.

If the criminal division decides the act applies, the attorney general has 90 days in which to decide whether any specific allegations of federal violations are frivolous and can be dropped.

Casey represented Indonesia in a U.S. tax question in 1976, but the Foreign Agent Registration Act has no statute of limitations. Failure to file required statements "shall be considered a continuing offense for as long as such failure exists," the act says. Willful failure is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The Justice Department rarely brings criminal prosecutions, but more frequently files civil suits to force registration as it did last year in the case of then-president Jimmy Carter's brother, Billy.

Gen. Galtieri new president Argentine junta fires Viola

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Dec. 12 (AP) — Argentina's ruling military junta has fired ailing President Gen. Roberto Viola and named a pro-American army commander to succeed him.

The three-man junta — the supreme governing body since the armed forces seized power in 1976 — said its dominant member, army Commander in Chief Gen. Leopoldo Galtieri, would assume the presidency Dec. 22.

The junta removed Viola after eight months in office during which he failed to stop a deepening economic recession and a rising clamor against military rule from the political and union sectors. The interim president is Adm. Carlos Lacoste, who until Friday's shuffle was social action minister.

Galtieri, 55, is expected to make use of the interim period to talk with prospective cabinet members. He will retain his position as army commander and junta member, giving added strength to the presidency. His term will end in March, 1984, when Viola's would have ended. Galtieri is scheduled to retire from the army at the end of next year.

The presidential switch drew little public reaction. Carlos Conin, the head of the Radical Party, said: "It matters little whether Galtieri or Viola is president. What matters is

that the chief executive take steps to return to democracy."

Federal Party President Francisco Manrique said: "You are not seeing a transfer of power here. You're seeing a transfer of anarchy."

Viola, 58, is suffering 80 percent blockage of a coronary artery and has been resting at his suburban residence for the past month, according to medical bulletins. He temporarily delegated the presidency to his interior minister, Gen. Horacio Liendo, on Nov. 21. Liendo and Foreign Minister Oscar Camifion resigned after Viola's dismissal.

The junta tried to convince Viola to resign because of health reasons, thus retaining the appearance of unity within the military government. But, according to all major Buenos Aires media, the president felt himself able to return to office and said he would only resign if the political reasons prompting such a move were made public.

As a junta member, Galtieri has supported a free-market economic policy that has characterized the military regime from the outset but was diluted somewhat under Viola's presidency. Press reports say he is likely to replace Economic Minister Lorenzo Sigaut with someone more committed to a "laissez-faire" economy.

Top Soviet leader visits Nepal today

KATHMANDU, Dec. 12 (AFP) — Soviet first Vice President Kuznetsov will break new ground when he arrives here Sunday morning on a three-day goodwill visit to this mountain kingdom. He will be the first senior Soviet figure to come here for 21 years, and his talks are expected to cover increased economic cooperation.

Kuznetsov will have talks with Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa and King Birendra, who are expected to express views on Afghanistan which may not necessarily be anti-Soviet, observers said.

The Nepalese leaders would also express their views on South Asia including Cambodia, the Middle East, North-South dialogue, economic disorder in the underdeveloped countries, and the problem of the

least developed countries caused by the oil crisis and international inflation.

An official source said the Soviet Union had meanwhile shown its interest in at least nine areas of cooperation with Nepal, including the establishment of rural industries, and hydropower and agricultural development.

The Soviet Union was one of the major aid donors for this kingdom until 1972, and helped build a 140-km road. The Soviet Union has also helped Nepal establish industries in its lowland southern border region, and supplied 60,000 metric tons of oil in the past six years.

During the coming visit, Nepal is expected to win Moscow's support for declaring the kingdom a zone of peace. The Soviet Union's support for the proposal is expected to help Nepal to woo its southern neighbor India.

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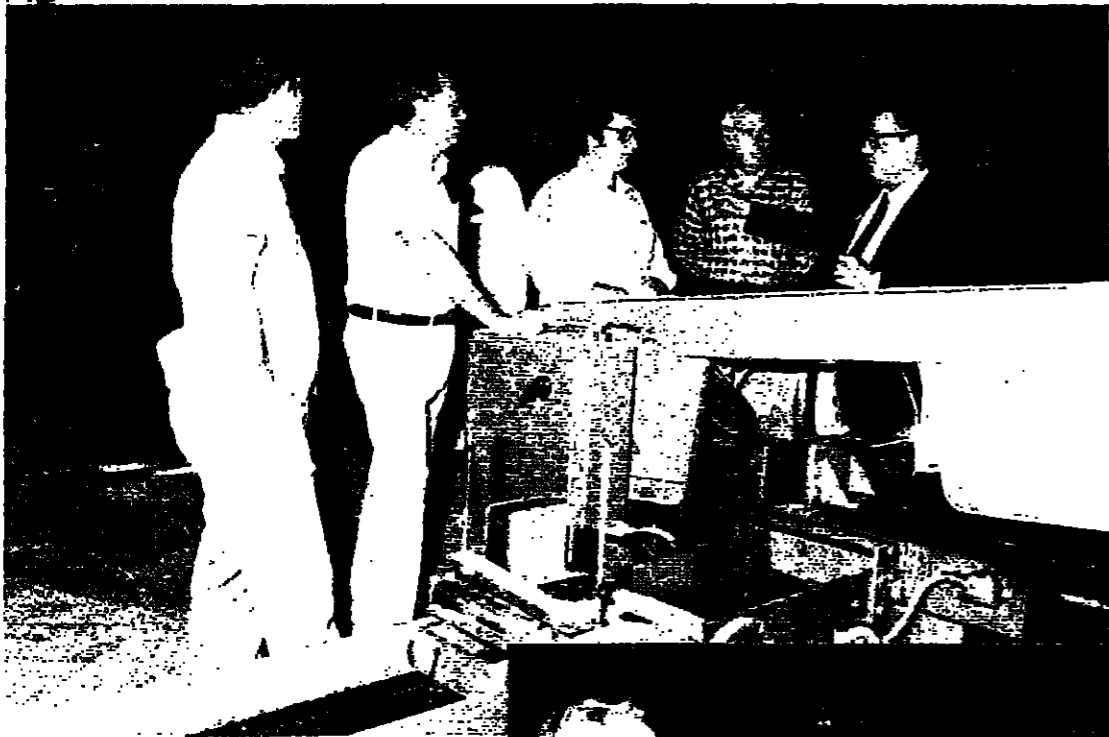
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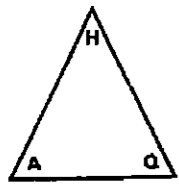


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House votes \$11.5b foreign aid bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP) — The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a \$11.5-billion foreign aid bill, marking the first time in three years it has approved a regular appropriations measure for U.S. aid programs around the globe.

The final vote on the measure, which had been strongly backed by President Ronald Reagan and the Republican Congressional leadership, was 199 to 166. Passage of the bill came after the house rebuffed an attempt to slash by 40 percent U.S. contributions to a World Bank affiliate providing low-interest development loans to Third-World countries.

In a key 282-113 vote that followed a heated debate among Republicans, the house adopted a compromise amendment calling for a 15 percent cut in spending for the International Development Association. Representative Jack F. Kemp, Republican-New York, sponsored the compromise amendment trimming the original bill's \$850 million earmarked for IDA to \$725 million.

Kemp, ranking Republican member on the House Appropriations Subcommittee, which drafted the legislation, argued that adopting

the bigger cut would heavily erode Democratic support and spell likely defeat for the overall aid bill. The New York Republican said the measure was far from ideal but "it's the best we can do."

Championing the 40 percent cutback — aimed to slice IDA aid to last year's level of \$520 million — was Representative Mickey Edwards, Republican-Oklahoma. He told the house that although he had consistently supported Reagan, "this time I just cannot go along." Edwards called the Kemp substitute "only a cosmetic cut."

The president told congressional leaders earlier this week that the aid legislation amounted to "the minimum necessary" to help maintain U.S. credibility and commitments around the world.

Rallying Republican support was seen as crucial in view of the traditional skepticism of many house Republicans toward foreign-aid programs. On Wednesday, the house passed a separate foreign-aid authorization measure by a vote of 222 to 184. But the appropriation bill's prospects were considered to be worse because the authorization did not include money for controversial International Development Bank programs.

\$14m for Ras Banas

Accord reached on \$7.1b army bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP) — U.S. House of Representatives and Senate conferees reached agreement Friday on a record \$7.1-billion military construction bill including a compromise on an Egyptian base designed to strengthen the U.S. posture in the Middle East.

The conferees agreed to provide \$14 million for the U.S. Army and Air Force base at Ras Banas in Egypt, for which the house had denied and the Senate approved the administration's request for \$106.4 million. They also agreed to adopt language expressing a commitment to proceed with construction of the base.

Senator Paul Laxalt, Republican-Nevada, chairman of the Senate Military Construction

Appropriations Subcommittee, said that denying the funds would "send a negative signal in that part of the world, which is the last thing we want to do." The base is designed to enable the United States to project its forces in the vital Gulf region in the event of an emergency.

The house deleted the funds after questions were raised as to whether the United States could be assured of continued access to the facility. Laxalt said he was told by officials at both the State Department and the Defense Department that the United States had "pretty solid arrangements" although no written agreement. He said he was told there would be a written agreement later. "I think we have a handshake at this point," he told the Conferees.

Airline losses expected to total \$900m

GENEVA, Dec. 12 (AP) — Airline losses on all international services are expected to total \$900 million this year, according to projections made by the International Air Transport Association, an IATA spokesman said Friday.

Spokesman John Brindley said on the North Atlantic routes alone, the 1981 losses were estimated at about \$650 million. The estimates were cited at the end of a first round of IATA talks on reforming the tariff situation on routes between the United States and Europe. A second round is to be held New York in January.

The Geneva talks, attended by executives of 27 airlines, were described by IATA Director General Knut Hammarskjöld as a first step toward tariff clarity, clearer product definition, flexibility in tariffs, and a coherent fares structure.

In a press statement, Hammarskjöld said he believes the talks will produce a new tariff formula that "is responsive to consumer needs, encourages workable competition and offers innovative low fares."

Edgar Kaiser dead

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12 (AP) — Edgar F. Kaiser, who guided the global expansion of the industrial empire founded by his father, died Friday at the University of California's Moffitt hospital after a long illness. He was 73.

In 1956, he became president of Kaiser Industries Corp. and was named chairman of the board in 1968, one year after the death of his father. Kaiser Industries was the parent company of the Kaiser organizations until implementation of a shareholder-approved voluntary liquidation plan in 1980.

Kaiser had been chairman and honorary director of Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. and of Kaiser Cement Corp. since 1978 and of Kaiser Steel Corp. since 1979.

Court halts U.S. Steel takeover of Marathon

CINCINNATI, Dec. 12 (AP) — The battle between Mobil Corp. and U.S. Steel Corp. for control of Marathon Oil Co. has been delayed until a Federal appeals court sorts out rival claims of anti-trust violations and preferential deals.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated a temporary restraining order Friday that prohibits U.S. Steel from completing acquisition of Marathon, the 17th-largest U.S. oil company. The court also combined Mobil's appeals of U.S. district court rulings made in Cleveland and Columbus and set Dec. 17 for arguments on both motions.

"If we hadn't gotten this order, it would have all been over at midnight Monday," said Mobil Attorney John Elam, referring to the expiration of a previous restraining order. The order signed by Judge George Edwards said the court considered a delay in the Marathon acquisition "in the public interest."

Mobil, the United States' second-largest oil company, has offered to buy up to two-thirds of Marathon's shares. Marathon, based

U.S. notes drop in foreign output

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP) — Foreign industrial production declined during the third quarter of 1981 for the second straight quarter, the U.S. Department of Commerce said Friday. The decline was by 0.1 percent from the April-June period, the department said in a special report.

On a year-to-year basis, the department's composite index of industrial production in major foreign industrialized countries registered only a 0.5 percent gain over third-quarter levels in 1980. The United States' production rose by 0.4 percent in the third quarter. In contrast to the small growth in foreign production over the last 12 months, U.S. industrial production rose by 7.6 percent.

"The performance of the foreign industrial production indices reflects deflationary policies being used by most foreign governments to combat unacceptably high inflation rates," the Commerce Department said.

EEC gives \$2m to African states

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12 (AP) — The European Commission Friday announced its decision to grant a total of 1,890,000 European currency units (about \$2 million) to Morocco, Lebanon and Niger.

Morocco will receive 790,000 ECUS (\$853,000) for equipment in the Rabat cereal Technology Laboratory as well as technical assistance and training. Lebanon will receive 300,000 ECUS (\$324,000) for various training programs. Niger will get 800,000 ECUS (\$864,000) in cattle food following the drought.

in Findlay, Ohio, filed suit in U.S. district court in Cleveland to block the acquisition, alleging that a combination of the two oil U.S. Steel has said it already has been tendered more than enough shares to acquire Marathon, Mobil asked the U.S. district court in Columbus to restrain U.S. Steel from purchasing Marathon shares, accusing Marathon of giving the steel giant a "sweetheart deal" by granting it special options. Because of the options — 10 million new shares at \$90 each

and Marathon's interest in the Yates Oilfield in Texas — Mobil contends it would cost another \$1.1 billion to equal U.S. Steel's offer.

Mobil alleged that "in light of the clear self-interest of Marathon management in entering into the scheme, the Marathon directors have failed to shoulder their burden of proving that the options granted to (U.S. Steel) were 'fair and reasonable.' The options are, as a result, unlawful."

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McEnroe impresses, but Tanner flops

Argentina, U.S. split singles

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 12 (AP) — Jose-Luis Clerc fought off hard-serving Roscoe Tanner 7-5, 6-3, 8-6 Friday and knotted the best-of-five Davis Cup finals between the United States and Argentina at one match each.

John McEnroe had given the United States the early lead by crushing Guillermo Vilas 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 in the day's first match.

McEnroe and Peter Fleming, who combined to win the men's doubles at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, will team up Saturday against Clerc and Vilas in the pivotal doubles match. Sunday's final two singles matches will pit McEnroe against Clerc and Tanner against Vilas.

Clerc was always in command against Tanner, whose booming serve kept him in the match. But the left-handed American couldn't match Clerc's flawless ground strokes.

Tanner, ranked 11th in the world, was in trouble right from the start when his serve, considered the fastest in the sport, failed him. He lost his serve in the third game of the opening set at love, but broke back in the

eight game to knot the score.

But the smooth-stroking Clerc settled into his groove and broke Tanner in the 11th game with an assortment of passing shots and delicately placed offensive lobs that caught the American flat-footed at the net.

Clerc, ranked fifth in the world, then held serve at love to capture the opening set. The right-hander broke Tanner twice in the second set, including a controversial fifth game.

Tanner won the first three points and appeared to win the game. But Clerc appealed to umpire Youssef Makar of Switzerland who overruled the linesman, saying Tanner's shot was long.

Tanner then lost the next three points, battled back to deuce, then dropped the next two points to lose his serve. He was upset when he returned to his chair next to Ashe, flinging his racket and his towel, then walking to the other end of the court rather than sit next to the U.S. captain during the changeover. Clerc broke again in the ninth game to win the second set.

Tanner regained his composure, starting the third set by breaking Clerc at love. But in

the sixth game, his serve deserted him again after he had taken a 40-0 lead. He double-faulted to give Clerc his first point. Then he won the next four points to break Tanner's serve and even the match.

The two then held serve until Clerc's decisive break in the 14th game as Tanner's backhand volley sailed wide. Tanner could get only 43 percent of his first serves.

McEnroe, displaying the awesome stroke-making form that has propelled him to the titles at both Wimbledon and the U.S. Open this year, needed only 96 minutes to dispatch Vilas. The Argentine left-hander, the world's sixth-ranking player, only had five break points against his American foe, and three of those came in the same game.

The left-hander began the match by reeling off the first four points, winning with a smash, a service winner, a forehand cross-court volley and another service winner. He broke his Argentinian opponent in the eighth game, then lost only one point as he held serve to close out the first set.



Jose-Luis Clerc, ousted Tanner to restore parity for Argentina in the Davis Cup final.

Lakers rally to down Blazers

New-look Utah Jazz spurts to splendid win

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP) — In his first game as coach of the Utah Jazz, Frank Layden showed literally how he was going to run things.

In contrast to Tom Nissalke's deliberate offense, the Jazz played a high-powered running game Friday night — and ran away from the Kansas City Kings 122-102 in the National Basketball Association.

"I think we were a different team than they expected," said Layden. "Their team will be geared for us next time." Using this new upbeat style, the Jazz was up by 33 at one point in the third quarter.

I had said the other day they shouldn't fire their coach because I knew that if they did, they'd come out smokin' tonight," said Kansas coach. This was probably their best game of the year, maybe the best game they've played in Utah. They jumped on us in the first of every quarter and that was the difference."

Adrian Dantley led the Utah offense with 38 points. "It was one game in one night in the NBA," said Layden, the Jazz general manager, who took over as head coach Thursday when Nissalke was fired after the team lost 10 of 13 games. We will play a tough game and a tough team Friday night, (San Antonio away). This is how well we will have to play every night, this hard with this intensity. There were mistakes, but with hustle you don't let the mistakes compound. We got 100 percent effort from every player tonight."

Of the 18 competing countries, the teams from Sweden, Denmark, West Germany and Poland were late arriving because of delays and diversions. The Swedish team arrived only an hour and ten minutes before the start after completing their journey standing up in train from Newcastle to London (440 km — 250 miles). The Danish swimmers ended up at the Midlands Town of Nottingham and had to get a coach to Barnet.

Half the German athletes may not arrive until midnight Saturday. One of the earliest victims of frustration was European 100 meters freestyle champion Per Johansson, of Sweden, who finished sixth in his qualifying heat, with only the tenth fastest time, and failed to qualify for Saturday's final.

Lakers 124, Trail Blazers 116: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 10 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter to lead a rally that carried

Los Angeles over Portland. Norm Nixon added 27 points for the Lakers. Earvin "Magic" Johnson had 23 and Jamaal Wilkes 19. Mychal Thompson led the Trail Blazers with 38 points and Calvin Natt had 26.

CELTICS 94, HAWKS 86: Center Robert Parish put the Boston Celtics in front with six quick second-half points and Larry Bird provided fourth-period sharp-shooting as Boston defeated Atlanta. Hawks center Dan Roundfield scored 16 of his game-high 20 points in the fourth quarter as Atlanta struggled to come back. But Bird, the Celtics' high scorer, put in eight of his 19 points in the final period to help preserve the Boston lead.

76ERS 131, CAVALIERS 113: Julius Erving, who sat out the entire fourth quarter, scored 27 points as Philadelphia continued its home dominance over Cleveland. The 76ers' victory was their 14th in-a-row over Cleveland in Philadelphia. The triumph also spoiled the local debut of Cleveland coach Chuck Daly.

NETS 131, NUGGETS 123: Buck Williams scored 26 points and pulled down 14 rebounds, leading New Jersey over Denver. The loss extended the Nuggets' losing streak to seven games. A layup by Williams capped a 12-4 third-quarter surge that tied the game at 87. Sam Lacey hit two free throws to give the Nets their first lead, 91-90, since the first quarter and started a 14-2 spurt that built a 103-94 advantage. The Nets never lost the lead after that.

SPURS 101, MAVERICKS 99: Reserve guard Ron Brewer scored 25 points, including 11 in a four-quarter rally, to lead San Antonio over Dallas. Brewer sank a field goal with 1:03 left in the game to provide the winning margin. San Antonio's George Gervin, the NBA's leading scorer with an average of 32.9 points per game, sat out the fourth quarter except for the final 30 seconds. The Spurs outscored the Mavericks 25-16 in the final period.

BULLS 118, ROCKETS 105: Dwight Jones came off the bench in the fourth quarter and accounted for nine points in a 19-4 Chicago spurt as the Bulls crushed Houston. The Bulls, winning their ninth game against 12 losses, dealt the Rockets their third straight loss and 15th of the season against just seven victories. The Rockets were paced by Moses Malone, who led all players with 31 points.

Yardley's marathon spell fetches seven

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 12 (AP) — Pakistan appear to have averted any chance of defeat after slowly building a 500 run first innings total on the second day of the third and final cricket Test against Australia at the MCG here on Saturday.

Pakistan declared half an hour before stumps Saturday at 500 for eight. Australia were allowed 20 minutes batting time and at

stumps were 15 for no wicket with Graeme Wood batting on six and Bruce Laird on eight.

With only three days play left on the packed Melbourne wicket there seems little chance of any change to Australia's two-nil lead in the series. The controversial MCG wicket offered no help to Australia's pace bowlers on the first two days and only Bruce Yardley

made any impact on the solid MCG wicket. Yardley, although was able to get only limited turn from the pitch, finished the innings with seven wickets for 187 runs off 66 overs.

The biggest disappointment for Australia has been the dismal performance of Dennis Lillee. Lillee, five wickets short of West Indian Lance Gibbs' world Test wicket-taking record, has bowled throughout the last two days without any success.

Pakistan resumed their innings Saturday at 245 for three wickets. The combination of Miandad and Zaheer kept the rate steady but slow until Miandad was finally trapped lbw by Yardley for 62. After lunch Yardley brokered-brought yet again when he caught and bowled Zaheer for 90. Zaheer played a variety of strokes slamming nine boundaries.

After Zaheer fell, Wasim Raja and the aggressive Imran Khan kept the score moving well, until Raja was caught by Bruce Laird after lofting a shot over the head of Yardley to be out for 50. Chappell dismissed Sarfraz Nawaz (0) with Yardley bringing off a brilliant catch in slips, and the irrepressible and persistent Yardley bowled Wasim Bari for his seventh wicket. Imran Khan remained unbeaten with 70 runs.

Score-board

Pakistan (1st innings)	95	Ball of wickets: 1-40, 2-181, 3-201, 4-329, 5-363, 6-433, 7-444, 8-457.	
Mohsin Khan c Thomson b Yardley	17	Bowling: Lillee 36.3-9-104-0; Alderman 27-8-62-0; Thomson 25-2-85-0; Yardley 66-16-187-7; Border 4-1-16-0; Chappell 9-2-17-1; Hughes 3-1-2-0; Laird 1-0-0-0.	
Majid Khan c Wood b Yardley	74	Australia (1st innings):	
Javed Miandad lbw Yardley	62	G Wood batting	6
Zaheer Abbas c and b Yardley	90	B. Laird batting	0
Wasim Raja c Laird b Yardley	50	Extras	18
Imran Khan not out	70	Total (for no wks.)	1
Sarfraz Nawaz c Yardley b Chappell	0	Bowling: Imran 2-1-5-0; Sarfraz 1-0-1-0; Raja 2-0-6-0; Qasim 1-0-2-0.	
Wasim Bari b Yardley	16		
Iqbal Qasim not out	18		
Extras	18		
Total (for 8 wks. decl.)	500		

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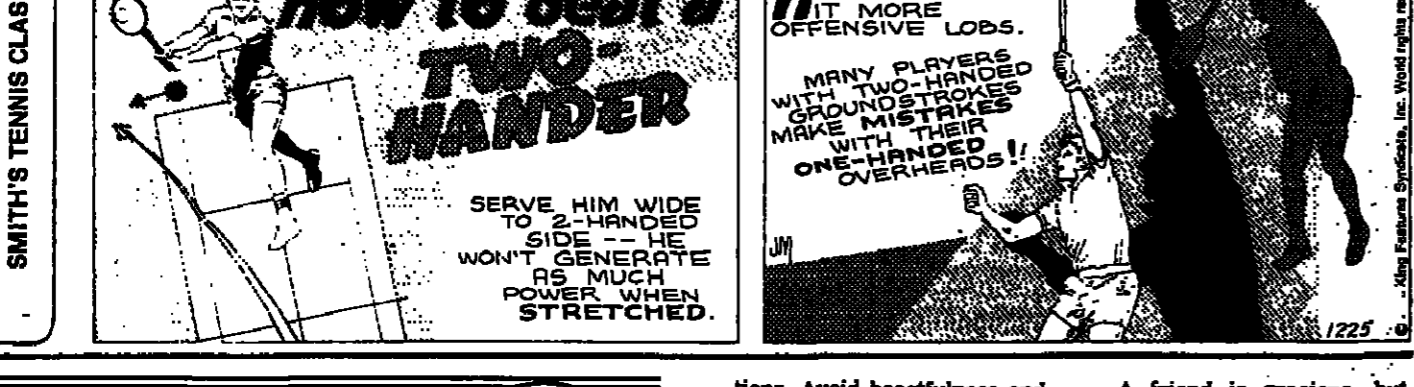
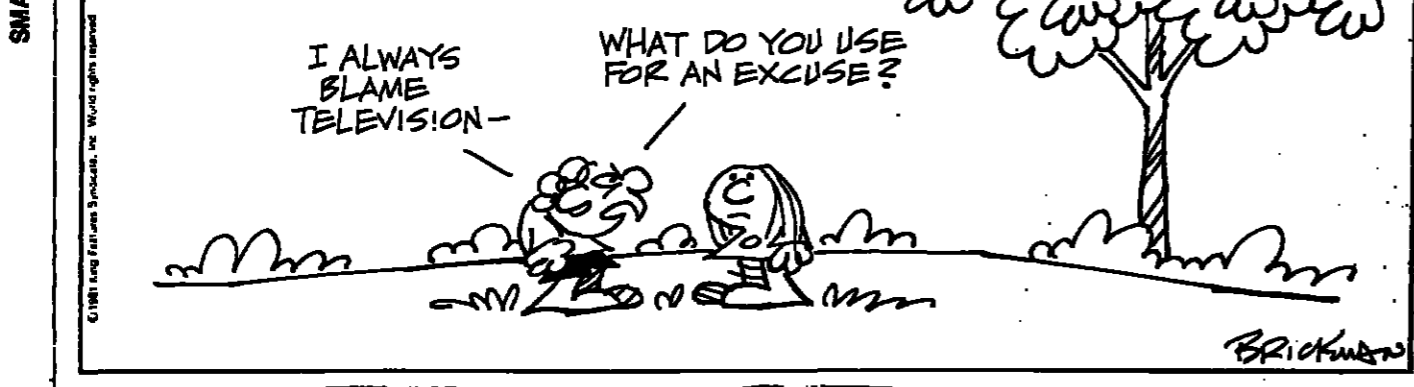
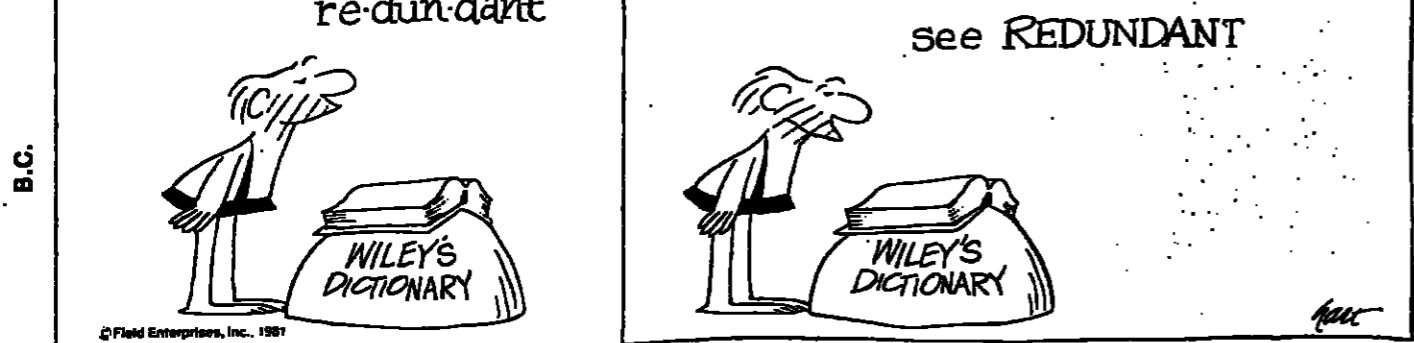
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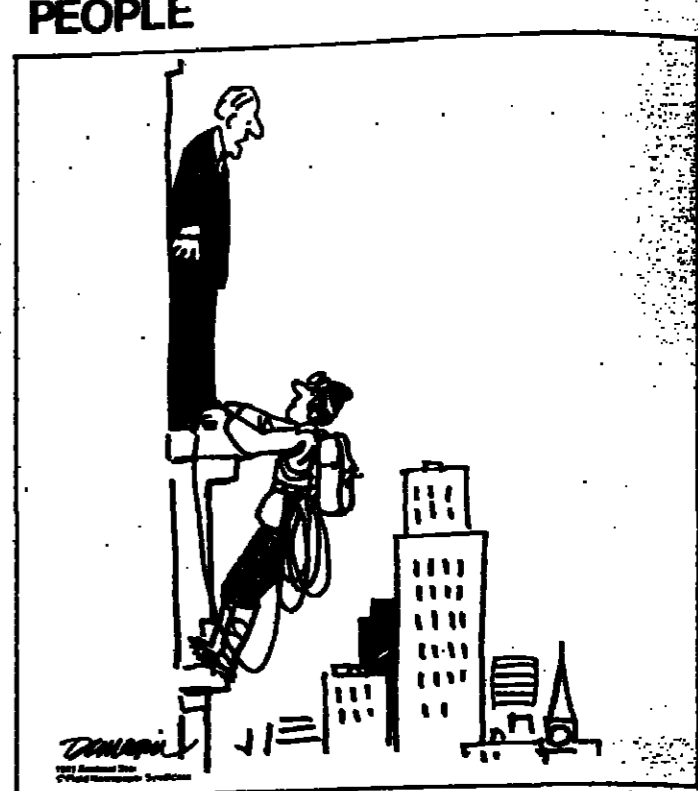
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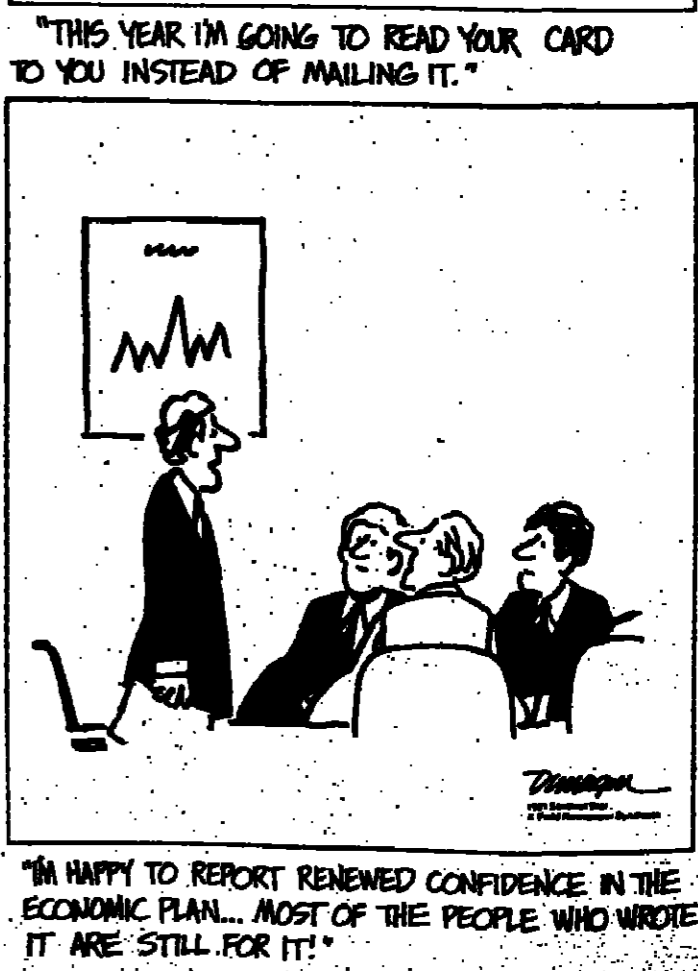
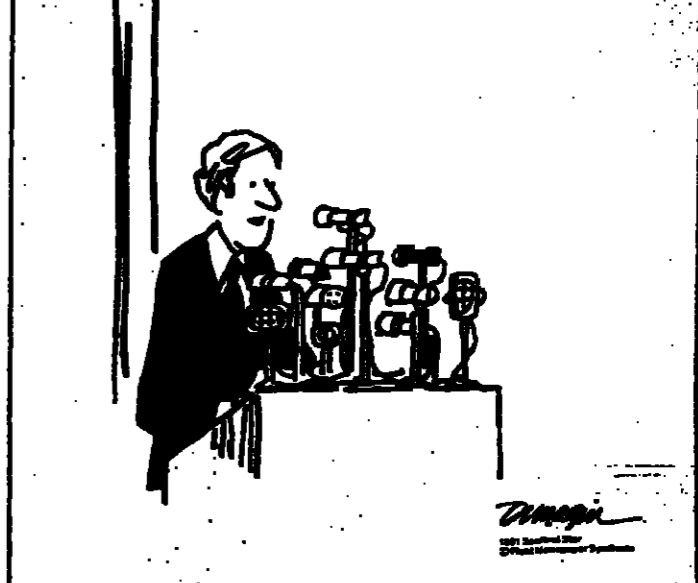
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Your Individual Horoscope. Frances Drake. FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1981. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19). Be discriminating in love. A determined effort brings domestic solutions. Late evening favors special entertainments. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20). Problems in getting in touch with others could mar plans. The evening is your best time for dating and visiting with others. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20). Unexpected news should please you. Though you'll have to be careful of spending, you still may make a worthwhile purchase for the home. CANCER (June 21 to July 22). The day begins on a sluggish note, but towards nightfall you get a renewed burst of energy. Surprising money developments are favorable. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22). Sidestep dubious attachments. The evening will bring exhilarating introduc-

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22). Visitors could cause domestic complications. Curial expenses when socializing. Late evening brings a need for privacy. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22). Rumors abound concerning career matters. Do further research before committing yourself. Impromptu visits are exciting. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21). You may get the wrong information about a distant matter. Double-check travel schedules. Both career and social life are favored after dark. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21). A friend is gracious, but unreliable. You're wise to remain skeptical. Expand your horizons through travel, study or cultural events. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19). Some undercurrents affect a close relationship. It's best to get things out in the open. Relations in general improve after dark. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18). The social pace could prove wearing on your health, if you overdo it. A surprise invitation may lead to good times and romance. PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20). Business and pleasure do not mix favorably, yet a surprising development works for your benefit after dark. Enjoy late-evening togetherness.

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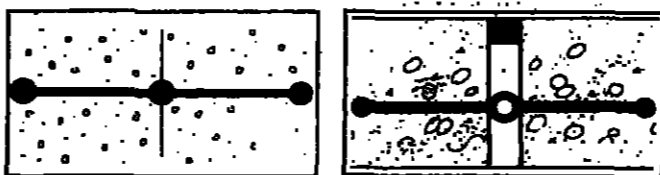
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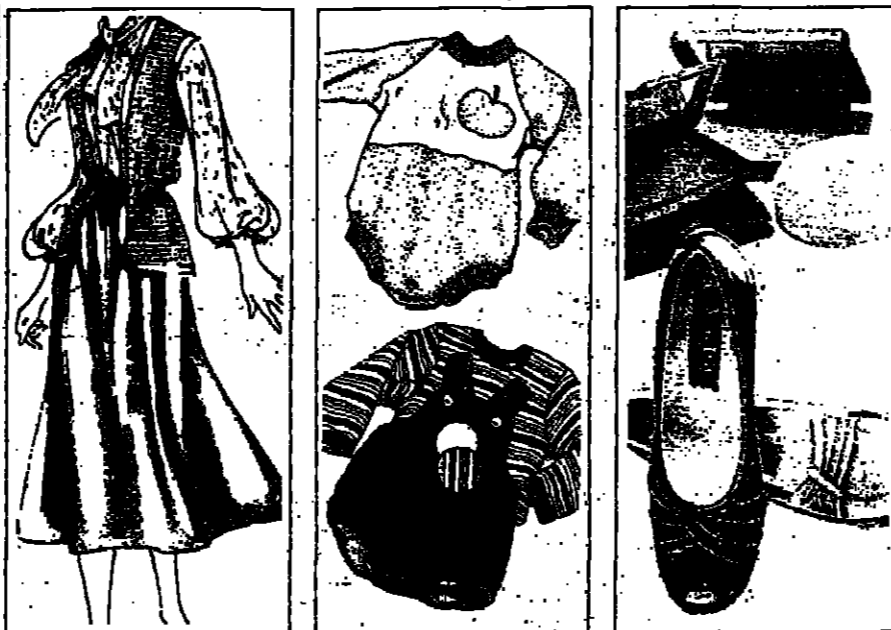
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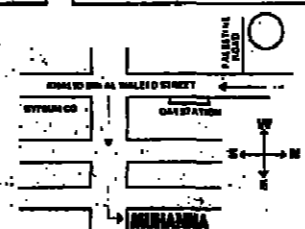
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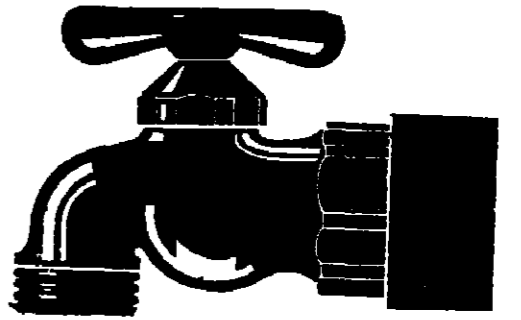


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